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Preceptorships

At its November 18th meeting, the Chiropractic Examining Board made the following clarifications regarding preceptorships.

1. Under sec. Chir 9.04, Wis. Admin. Code, in order for a postgraduate preceptorship to be approved by the board, the sponsoring chiropractic college must submit a list of prospective preceptors at least 45 days prior to the trimester or quarter in which the preceptorship is to start. In general, failure of a school to submit the list 45 days in advance as required will result in a denial of the preceptorship. The board decided that this requirement might be modified in the case where a student involved in an undergraduate

preceptorship wishes to continue in a graduate preceptorship with the same preceptor, as long as the sponsoring school submits the information regarding the graduate preceptorship as soon as the school becomes aware of the need.

2. Under sec. Chir 9.06(2), Wis. Admin. Code, a graduate preceptorship terminates when the graduate is declared to have passed or failed the examination. The board clarified that a preceptorship would not automatically terminate in the case where a student receives a failing grade but files a claim of examination error under sec. Chir 2.10, Wis. Admin. Code. The preceptorship would continue until the claim is resolved or until another terminating event occurs.

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Continuing Education Audits

The Chiropractic Examining Board will be conducting a random audit of compliance with continuing education requirements following the next license renewal period at the end of the year 2000. This action is authorized by section 446.02(1)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes and sections Chir 3.02(1)(c) and Chir 5.01 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code.

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Specifically, section Chir 5.01(3) says "...a chiropractor shall retain for a minimum period of four years, and shall make available to the board or its agent upon request, certificates of attendance issued by the program sponsor for all continuing education programs for which he or she claimed credit for purposes of renewal of his or her license registration..."

Please remember that in order to satisfy the requirements one must have obtained at least 40 hours of continuing education credit for each biennium. These hours must be for coursework that has been approved by the Chiropractic Examining Board. If you have any questions about whether or not the hours for which you received credit meet this criterion, you must check with the sponsor of the program. Those licensees whose education requirements are not met are at risk of losing their licenses to practice chiropractic in Wisconsin.

Office Advertising

Practitioners should review all advertising, including office letterhead, to ensure that it complies with the restrictions on advertising in section Chir 6.02(15). In particular, the department has received complaints against, and investigated, chiropractors who list a specialization or advanced training which does not satisfy the requirements in sec. Chir 6.02(15)(f) and (g).

Use of Magnets Not Authorized

In 1991, the board issued the following statement on the use of magnets in chiropractic: "The Wisconsin Chiropractic Examining Board does not have the authority to approve the sale or distribution of the Nikken magnet products or their substantial equivalents. The United States Food and Drug Administration has the authority and jurisdiction to approve the sale and distribution of these devices. The FDA has informed the Board that the FDA has not approved the sale and distribution of the Nikken magnet line." In January of this year, the Wisconsin Chiropractic Association

informed the board that "After careful review of all of the current literature and research, we have concluded that there is little hard scientific evidence to support or refute the therapeutic use of magnets. While, at the present time, we see no basis for inclusion of magnet therapy in chiropractic practice, we believe the issue should be revisited as more research data become available." Please note that there is no change in the Board's position at this time.

Department of Regulation and Licensing Expands Credential Verification Services

The Department of Regulation and Licensing has added a feature at the department's web site (<http://www.drl.state.wi.us>) which will allow employers and members of the public to verify the status of professional credentials held by nearly 280,000 individuals.

Once the department's web site is accessed, users may click on "Credential Holder Query" and they will gain access to the department's credential data base where they can verify whether an individual holds a current license in any of the professions regulated by the department.

"Giving employers and consumers the ability to directly access this information on the Internet makes it easier for the public to verify whether a person is entitled to practice a profession in Wisconsin," Secretary Marlene Cummings said. "It will also be an effective deterrent to efforts by any individuals to successfully misrepresent their credential status since anyone with a computer and internet access can quickly verify whether the credential is actually held by that individual," Cummings added.

2000 Meeting Dates

May 4, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 21, October 12, November 9 and December 14.

Telephone Directory

Automated Phone System for Chiropractic, Acupuncture, Massage Therapists/Bodyworkers, Music Art & Dance Therapists, Marriage & Family Therapists, Nursing, Optometry, Professional Counselors, Psychology, & Social Workers: (608) 266-0145.

Press 1, then 4 **Application Requests for Credentials & Continuing Education**
Press 2 **Information on Status of Pending Applications**
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Application to register for examination	Press 1-5
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Chiropractic Endorsement	Press 1-5-3
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Verifications

All requests for verification of license status must be in writing. There is no charge for this service.

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Visit the Department's Web Site

<http://www.drl.state.wi.us/>

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Digests on Web Site

Complete copies of the September, 1997, September, 1998, March, 1999 and October, 1999 Regulatory Digests are on the Web.

Wisconsin Statutes and Code

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